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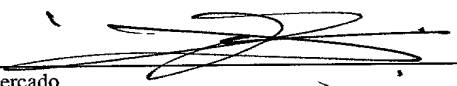
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- _____ An Assignment and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
- _____ A certified copy of a priority application.
- _____ A Power of Attorney.
- _____ A Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
- _____ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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